



MILFORD HOSPITAL

**TESTIMONY OF
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Submitted to
THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
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HB 5384, An Act Concerning Reports of Nursing Levels

My name is Beverly Lyon, and I am the Chief Nursing Officer at Milford Hospital. On behalf of Milford Hospital, I am submitting testimony in opposition to **HB 5384, An Act Concerning Reports of Nursing Levels.**

The passing of this act would place an additional burden on our already shrinking resources, in a health care climate where we are struggling with the pressures placed upon us. We are currently working creatively to withstand these forces by managing our resources as efficiently and productively as possible.

The submission of staffing reports to the State requires us to take our focus away from pressing crucial initiatives, where our attention needs to be. This includes initiatives targeting improving patient safety, and the delivery of quality care for the patients in our community.

We are constantly flexing staffing resources, on an hour by hour basis, to meet the fluctuating census, acuity and needs of our patients, to deliver safe care. It would be challenging to adequately reflect the nuances of patient staffing merely with numbers provided in a report.

The use of these resources would be better directed to initiatives that meaningfully focus on quality patient outcomes. Thank you for your consideration of our position on this matter.